

Kindergarten Program 2009-2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for allowing me to share in your child's education this year. After being in the field of education for 15 years, I am now ready to homeschool two of my own along with you. My past experience includes an elementary education degree from the University of Central Florida as well as several experiences in public, private and homeschooling environments. I know this is a precious year for you and them. We will have fun together, while learning a lot about many different themes as we go. It will be an adventurous journey for all.

As you know we will be using the Five in a Row series this year. I love the idea of using wonderful literature to teach science, social studies and some of the arts. It will also help to encourage their already developing love for reading. We will be using Volumes 1, 2 and some of 3 as we go through the year. Below you will find the titles we will be using in order by week. You may follow along at home or do your own program there. Either way your child will grow through the use of these stories and their activities. If you plan to follow along at home, let me know and I will tell you what we have already covered.

We will also be enjoying some other activities this year as well. These will include art, music and movement, PE, Marylyn Burns Math activities and center time. We are also encouraging them to attend as many of the CCA field trips as possible. Their homework will be very limited at this age, but they will need a planner and they will have at least one assignment each week. Their first assignment is listed below. Please also see the list of supplies they will need for the first day. We will keep most of these at the school for classroom use.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for all you do,

Gretchen Simmonds

Schedule

- 9:00-10:00 Intro of Five in a Row book with Science and Social Studies activities
- 10:00-10:15 Snack
- 10:15-11:00 PE, Music and Movement
- 11:00-11:30 Language Arts activity
- 11:30-12:00 Math or Art Activity

Supplies Needed

- Composition notebook for planner
- 8 pack of markers
- 24 pack of crayons
- Sharpened pencils
- Bottle of glue
- Folder for loose papers
- Backpack
- Lunch on Monday
- Snack on Wednesday

First Homework Assignment

Please help your child bring in one item to share that tells something about him or her.

Book List

Volume 1:

- *Storm in the Night* by Mary Stoltz
- *The Story About Ping* by Marjorie Flack and Kurt Wiese
- *Lentil* by Robert McCloskey
- *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *The Rag Coat* by Lauren Mills
- *Who Owns the Sun?* by Stacy Chbosky
- *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton
- *The Glorious Flight* by Alice and Martin Provensen
- *How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World* by Marjorie Priceman
- *Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say
- *Cranberry Thanksgiving* by Wende and Harry Devlin
- *Papa Piccolo* by Carol Talley
- *Very Last First Time* by Jan Andrews
- *The Clown of God* by Tomie DePaola
- *Katy and the Big Snow* by Virginia Lee Burton
- *Night of the Moonjellies* by Mark Shasha
- *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost (with illustrations by Susan Jeffers)

Volume 2:

- *Three Names* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Wee Gillis* by Munro Leaf
- *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen
- *A New Coat for Anna* by Harriet Ziefert
- *Mrs. Katz and Tush* by Patricia Polacco
- *Mirette on the High Wire* by Emily Arnold McCully
- *They Were Strong and Good* by Alice and Robert Lawson
- *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* written and ill. by Beatrix Potter
- *Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car* by John Burningham
- *All Those Secrets of the World* by Jane Yolen
- *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney
- *Follow the Drinking Gourd* by Jeanette Winter
- *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson
- *When I Was Young in the Mountains* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Grandma's Walk* by Anna Grossnickle Hines